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THE GOSPEL MESSAGE FROM HYDE PARK

AT SPEAKER'S CORNER, Hyde Park, in London, thousands of passers-by have listened to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expounded by young elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Thousands more have heard elders of the Church proclaim the glad tidings of the Restored Gospel in many of the larger cities throughout Great Britain.

This month's cover shows Elder Bruce E. Peterson, former Newcastle District President and North London missionary, declaring the truths of the Gospel to a Sunday afternoon Hyde Park crowd. The photograph was taken by Norman Pitt of the South London Branch.

For many years the Gospel has been preached in Great Britain very effectively through open-air meetings. The biographies of such zealous missionaries as Heber C. Kimball, Wilford Woodruff, Dan Jones and others, contain incidents in which the open-air meeting has proved itself to be an invaluable medium for Gospel promulgation. Many stalwart members of the Church first heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached by the "elders on the Common."

And so today, as in years gone by, valuable contacts are being made through the medium of open-air meetings. Many persons daily are receiving their chance to hear the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some accept its principles and incorporate them into their life; many more reject the message. But the work of the Lord is going forward, and through open-air meetings and other Gospel proselyting means, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will continue to grow and will continue to be as a beacon-light to all those who are seeking for the truth.

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TO ALL THE WORLD

By Alma Sonne

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MISSIONARY work is educational. It brightens the intellect, broadens the mind and enlarges the understanding. It is enlightening to those who engage in it and inspiring to those who are touched by it. Its aim is to uplift humanity through the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The missionary programme is far-reaching and extends its influence into the lives of members and non-members. The missionary, his family, his relatives and friends are benefited and spiritualised by it. The home from which he comes feels the power which emanates from his field of labour. The work is fascinating and captivates those engaged in it. It promotes right living, wholesome thinking and honest, unselfish endeavour. The missionary enterprise of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints calls for a valiant and God-inspired enthusiasm. A lukewarm missionary is a failure. Jesus and His apostles were full of fire and passion for their work. Nothing was too precious to lay on the altar to advance the cause they represented. No task was too great, no work too strenuous and no venture too hazardous to insure the success and eventual triumph of the stupendous truths they had to offer.

The Church is a product of its missionary system. Within a year after its organisation missionaries were sent out to preach the Gospel. Regardless of adverse conditions, economically and otherwise, the proselyting has continued unabated. Missions were opened, converts admitted, branches established and the revealed word of God explained to investigators and truth-seekers. The results, glorious and gratifying, speak for themselves.

Again the way is opening for the proclamation of the Gospel of Peace to a war-weary world. The opportunity is here. A new day is dawning, prejudices and misunderstandings are melt-

ing away and old barriers are being removed. The Church is carrying forward the greatest missionary effort in its history.

How will the Latter-day Saints use the opportunities and privileges thus afforded them? Will they shirk from their responsibilities? They have never done so. The history and spirit of the Church are centred in its missionary activity. Yet no Church member has ever chosen the ministry as a calling. Men and women perform this service only when they are called to do so by their authorised leaders. They come and go at their own expense without any thought of material remuneration. In the future as in the past the response to their message will come from the common people who are honest at heart and free and independent in spirit and thought.

Their converts have frequently had to face ridicule and ostracism for the Gospel's sake. But they have been able to endure hardships and disappointments because their faith was firmly founded and their testimonies deeply and securely planted. Such conviction is the strength of the Church. It accounts for its growth, and the energy and determination of its missionaries. Without doubt many people have been attracted to the Church through the clean living, high standards and the Christian meekness and humility of its representatives. The record shows that very few of these representatives have succumbed to temptations which would bar them for work in the ministry. Purity of life is the keystone to missionary success.

It is also a matter of record that

very few of those charged with missionary responsibility have deserted their post. None have joined other churches. No appeal has been strong enough to undermine their beliefs or to divert them from their sacred calling or to join hands with others in more lucrative and popular undertakings. It is reassuring, to say the least, that the Elders of Israel, however young and inexperienced, have not been susceptible to the teachings and doctrines of other churches which run counter to their own beliefs. This is a further evidence of the deep sincerity and the well-founded convictions characteristic of the Lord's servants. During the past century, except in periods of war, the missionary work has neither diminished nor slackened. It has survived persecution, slander, mobocracy, and violence. Each wave of opposition has found it more firmly entrenched and better able to meet future attacks.

How does this style and method of propaganda compare with that of other modern churches. What other denomination in all Christendom can trust its young people, without special preparation, with ministerial duties, sacred doctrines and well established practices cherished and time honoured among them? Most of them require specialised training, scholarly attainments and a college background before their ministers can function as authorised priests.

The reason for this is obvious. The simple, understandable teachings of the Master and His apostles have become so distorted, perverted and confused that their preservation requires many precautions and safeguards. Stereotyped prayers must be memorised, rituals must be learned, a solemn, unnatural demeanour developed and arbitrary scriptural interpretations taught and emphasised.

Contrast these preliminaries and procedures with those in the Primitive Church. When Jesus Christ selected His apostles He chose humble, sturdy, God-fearing fishermen—men who were

open-minded and unbiased and therefore impressionable to the Truth. He cared nothing for worldly learning and accomplishments. He recognised no one of prominence. He passed by the doctors, lawyers, scribes, and priests, trusting His Gospel to the hearts and minds of the most unsophisticated among men.

He sent them forth with divine authority to officiate in His name, with powers of discernment, and with complete reliance upon the gifts and functions of the Holy Ghost conferred upon them. Their own wisdom was not to be fully trusted, neither were they to be led astray by phantoms of doubt, sophistry, and false arguments, but were to tarry until "endued with power from on high." (Luke 24: 49)

They went forth like sheep among wolves to be misunderstood, maligned, persecuted and held in disrepute. No worldly compensations were promised. "Freely ye have received, freely give," (Matt. 10: 8) constitutes the spirit and plan of their operations. They were to deliver their message without fear or favour and to bear witness of the Truth before all nations.

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AMBASSADORS OF TRUTH

By William R. Callister
Associate Editor

THROUGHOUT the Gospel dispensations, servants of God have been called to carry the message of "truth and light" to the inhabitants of the earth; to preach repentance unto them and to encourage them to live in accordance with the commandments of the Lord.

Enoch, Noah, Moses, Nephi, Abinadi, Alma, and the sons of Mosiah all received such calls. In some instances their messages were received by the populace; in others, they were rejected. In every case, however, these emissaries of truth fulfilled their missions faithfully and fearlessly in spite of all the derision, hate, and persecution the powers of evil could muster against them.

Shortly before the resurrected Christ ascended into heaven He instructed His eleven disciples to "go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The zeal and determination with which these and their associates in the early church exercised in their promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ have long been heralded by Christians of many nations.

The Apostle Paul was called by direct revelation. After his miraculous conversion, he devoted the remainder of his life to proclaiming boldly the word of the Lord. Scriptures are replete with instances of other servants of God who responded to their callings.

In these latter days, shortly after the Church of Jesus Christ had been restored to the earth, the Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith that some would be called to "go into all the world to preach my gospel unto every creature." Since that time the Church has developed a mighty missionary system. Close to 75,000 missionaries have been sent out into the world during the past 118 years.

Perhaps, in a sense, the Prophet, himself, could be considered as the first missionary of the Church. It was he who instructed his father and mother, brothers and sisters, his wife, his neighbours, and such prominent figures in the early days of the Church as Martin Harris, Oliver Cowdery, the Whitmer family, the Knight family, and others, in the ways of the Lord.

In another sense, Oliver Cowdery might be regarded as the first missionary of the Church. He is credited with having preached the first public sermon on the truths of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, delivered just five days after the organisation of the Church.

Samuel H. Smith, the Prophet's brother, was the first person called by revelation to journey as a missionary. It was in June, 1830, when he was set apart to preach the Gospel in northern and eastern New York State. Samuel departed on his journey, taking with him several copies of the Book of Mormon. When he returned, he was very discouraged over his labours, believing that he had accomplished nothing and that his efforts were all in vain. But it was one of the copies of the Book of Mormon which Samuel had distributed along the way that fell into the hands of the families of Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball. Thus Samuel H. Smith, in filling the first mission of the Church, had planted seeds of truth which were to grow and blossom beyond all expectations.

The calling by revelation of Oliver Cowdery, Peter Whitmer, Ziba Peterson and Parley P. Pratt to preach to the Lamanites resulted in the first extended mission of the Church. The four missionaries began their journey in the autumn of 1830. The first Lamanites to hear the message were

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THE MISSIONARY TODAY

By Selvoy J. Boyer

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British Mission

DURING the world's history, there have been other periods of cold war. We hear much about it today. One question that often comes into the minds of many individuals, "What shall I do, or what should my church do, to assist the people of the earth to come to a knowledge and realisation of peace?"

It is wisdom to recall history at times to re-establish confidence and faith in the future. In days far past when the work of God was being established, other cold wars to destroy freedom of action, thought and mind took place. One disciple named Saul "made havoc of the Church, entering into every house and haling men and women, committed them to prison." In the stoning of Stephen, the coats of those who stoned this righteous man were laid at Saul's feet as he stood there with a heart of stone while each rock was hurled. But this very same Saul was later called by revelation to become a witness for Jesus Christ and one of the most powerful missionaries the world has ever known.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints today is extending to the world the true message of the Redeemer through its unique missionary system. The average missionary of the Church is about twenty-three years of age and is spending his time voluntarily to combat the forces of evil in going from home to home, to open-air meetings and cottage meetings in the spirit of humility. Their simple methods, their purity of life, the true story of God they are revealing, is attracting thinking people of Great Britain. Through the efforts of these young missionaries, many of whom are the third, fourth, fifth, and in some instances, the sixth generations of Latter-day Saints, there is being established a nucleus of people, from all walks and stations of life, who are uniting together in righteous living to combat the forces of evil and the oppression of cold war.

It is not possible to measure the amount of development which these missionaries receive in the depth of their souls while doing this kind of work in God's service. Only those who have sacrificed like the Pioneers of a century ago know what faith and integrity it took to establish the freedom loving people that were established in the top of the Rocky Mountains. Likewise, only those who are going through this experience as missionaries know what it takes to spread the faith of their fathers. Rapidly this great organisation is taking its place in the hearts and minds of freedom loving people, through the example and teachings of these young men and women.

Each of them is writing deeds of valour which will appear upon the written pages of history and will inspire empires yet unborn to follow the teachings of the lowly Nazarene, our Elder Brother, the Redeemer of the world.

Saul was called by direct revelation from his cold war against Christ and His people. Today, each missionary in the field is calling people from various walks of life and with different interests to follow Christ and live the commandments which He has given. This force of young men and women will eventually win the peace and God's law will be established.

I wish, at this time, to pay special tribute to the missionaries of the British Mission for their faithfulness and their integrity. Through their unselfish service and trust in the Lord, they will continue to spread truth throughout the world and thus continue to bring righteousness into the lives of many.

BRITAIN'S WAR-TIME MISSIONARIES

ON Sunday, December 24th, 1939, President Hugh B. Brown called the London District Presidency into his office and informed us that the missionaries were being called home to the U.S.A. because of war conditions in Europe.

He also asked us to look after the Mission affairs during his absence. On January 10th, 1940, we were set apart by President Brown in our offices of the Mission Presidency. Two days later, President Brown left England for the U.S.A. and our appointments officially began.

Now that the excitement and hustle of their departure was over, we had time to collect our thoughts. How had it all come about?

The events leading up to the declaration of war were still fresh in our memories: the growing tension as each new aggression by the Nazi horde shortened the gap between our shores and their outposts; the sickening feeling of futility as thrice the ambassador with the umbrella sallied to talk peace with a man whose heart was set on war; the visit of President Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of the Twelve, which we learned afterwards was for the very purpose of preparing the missionaries for the bloodshed which was so shortly to be poured upon the nations; that peaceful Sunday morning when the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, spoke over the radio informing us that we were at war; the gathering of the missionaries from over the Mission; and that final meeting in "Ravenslea" with 130 elders, each seeking to persuade President Brown to allow him to stay.

Now, for the first time in the history of the Mission for over one hundred years, we were left without a single missionary. The office itself seemed as if a cyclone had blown through it;

By James R. Cunningham

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Mission Presidency

papers, reports, equipment, littered the rooms. We were to find out later that the Saints in the Mission were very disturbed, as many of the departing missionaries had not time to notify the members of their sudden departure.

But provision had seemingly been made for just such an emergency. During the mission of President Joseph J. Cannon in 1936, local elders had been called to preside over the branches and districts. This foresight on behalf of the authorities perhaps prevented a breakdown in the functioning of the Mission.

President Brown's last admonition to us was to "hold the fort." It was soon decided that in order to carry out the work, local members must be called to serve as full-time missionaries. The response to these calls was spontaneous and inspiring from young men and women not yet out of their teens to elderly grandmothers and grandfathers. Soon an office staff was obtained and two by two the missionaries began to spread over the Island. A few months later, a missionary convention was held in Birmingham with some sixty missionaries and missionaries-to-be in attendance. The spirit prevailing proved that the Saints in Great Britain fully intended to keep the Gospel message before the people by missionary endeavour.

As problems arose, solutions were sought. Many Saints desired to go on missions; few had the necessary means to support themselves. Therefore, a system of branch missionary funds was set up and each branch strived to

have at least one missionary in the field; several had three or four.

Over one hundred young men and women responded to their calls and served on full-time missions varying from six months, in some cases, to as long as four years in others. To supplement the work, a home missionary system was organised, whereby a group of 400 Saints were each assigned to spend a certain number of hours per week in missionary work. Despite air-raids and total black-outs, this group carried out their objective. Perhaps their faith had something to do with the fact that not one was hurt in any way from bombing.

After the desperate retreat of the Allied forces at Dunkirk, the nation held its breath, waiting for what seemed the inevitable invasion of our shores. Then the missionaries were told, "In the event of an enemy invasion, make your way back immediately to your homes and care for those dependent upon you." Fortunately, the execution of those instructions was never to be required. Soon the tide of battle turned and many of our elders from America began to attend our meetings. Although in uniform, the power and spirit of the American Latter-day Saint boys have imbued our own Saints with fresh courage.

Then came the return of the authorities from Zion, and, shortly afterwards, the first missionaries. Their task completed, one by one, the British war-time missionaries finished their missions and returned to their everyday labours. Their days and months as missionaries have passed and become history, but the effect of their missions still endures in the firmer testimonies and enduring friendships made.

We found the Gospel very satisfying then and worthy of sacrifice. Did we not trudge many miles hitch-hiking on circuit and endure ridicule and labour in tracting and open-air meetings? It was the missionary spirit that provided the motive power. This can be recaptured; all our lives can be enriched

by a glance back on those happy faithful missionary days.

Last year I spent a day in the company of the missionaries. We had been assigned to attend the funeral of a member of the Church. To take part in the service at the graveside and give comfort to the relatives, then to develop each others' friendship on the journey home was an experience to be treasured. It proved to me that we need a constant renewal of missionary activity to enjoy the missionary spirit.



The Saints in England indeed responded in a noble fashion to the missionary call during the war. Since those days, I have never met a single missionary who regretted the spending of either time or money on his mission. Almost everyone replies in the same terms, "I received the most benefit of all."

For my part, it was the laying of a foundation stone in my life. It seemed that during that missionary service I enjoyed a life-time of Gospel experience. The spiritual uplift received by a missionary will repay him or her an hundred-fold for labour and means expended in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for has not the Master written, "give and it shall be given unto you."

FLASHBACKS FROM THE SCREEN OF TIME

ON July 20th, 1837, seven practically penniless men landed in Liverpool to do missionary work for the Restored Church of Jesus Christ which had been organised but seven years previously. They had left their families in America in dire straits. Members of the newly established Church had been affected by the financial panic in the United States and could not support their brethren who had come to Great Britain.

"Humility and a message of truth were virtually the entire stock in trade" of the seven missionaries. Instead of stopping in Liverpool, they moved on to Preston. One of them, Joseph Fielding, had a brother living there who was a minister. Heber C. Kimball, one of the twelve apostles, gave the first sermon on "Mormonism" in Great Britain at the Vauxhall Chapel in Preston at Reverend James Fielding's invitation.

Eight days after their arrival in Preston, Elder Kimball and his companions baptised nine people in the River Ribble—the first to join the Church outside the American continent. At Christmas, 1837, 300 Saints attended the first conference of the Church in Britain at the "Cockpit" in Preston. Branches had been established in Preston and surrounding that city for thirty miles.

Determined opposition and marked success followed their efforts. By the time the second general conference of the Church was held in Britain in April, 1838, there were between 1,500 and 2,000 members in the British Mission. Shortly after that gathering, Elder Kimball returned to Kirtland, Ohio, leaving Brother Joseph Fielding in charge. He remained at the head of the work until 1840, when Brigham Young and other members of the Council of the Twelve arrived.

These men have been followed by over 6,000 missionaries from America;

By Wallace G. Bennett
European Mission Secretary

not to mention scores of British Saints who have borne their testimonies to their countrymen. The history of this missionary endeavour is colourful and dramatic. It is full of encouragement and inspiration to modern missionaries.

A few outstanding "flashbacks"—

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Wilford Woodruff, son of a Connecticut miller, a latter-day apostle, and later president of the Church, made a remarkable record as a missionary in Britain. An especially humble man, he was singularly successful in the Potteries of Staffordshire. After a few short weeks there, he heeded the promptings of the Spirit and moved on to find the Herefordshire farm of John Benbow. He later baptised 600 people in the pool of water on the Benbow farm.

He was so successful that the ministers and rectors of the South of England petitioned the Archbishop of Canterbury to ask Parliament to prohibit the Mormons from preaching in the British Dominions. According to his own account: "The first thirty days after my arrival in Herefordshire, I had baptised forty-five preachers and 160 members of the United Brethren, who put into my hands one chapel and forty-five houses, which were licensed according to law to preach in. This opened a wide field for labour, and enabled me to bring into the Church, through the blessings of God, over (approximate) 1,800 souls during eight months, including all of the 600 United Brethren, except one person. In this number were also some 200 preachers of various denominations."

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Captain Dan Jones, a Welshman, was with the Prophet Joseph Smith in the Carthage Jail the night before Joseph and Hyrum were murdered. The Prophet told Dan Jones, "You will

see Wales, and fulfil the mission appointed you before you die."

After the Prophet's martyrdom, Dan Jones, "with his fiery zeal and irrepressible energy," returned to his native land. Such success attended his efforts that at a conference in Manchester in May, 1846, he reported the Welsh district as consisting of "twenty-eight branches, 687 members, 378 new members baptised since the last conference." By the end of 1848 there were 4645 Saints in Wales. Richard L. Evans writes that Dan Jones will probably always be known as the "father of the Welsh Mission."

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All of the presidents of the Church except Joseph Smith have done missionary work in Great Britain. Wilford Woodruff's labours have been mentioned. Brigham Young spent "a year of organisation and notable achievement" in Britain. John Taylor, a native of Milnthorpe, Westmoreland County, became known as the "champion of liberty." He laid the foundation of the work in Liverpool; performed the first baptisms in Ireland, and visited the Isle of Man. Lorenzo Snow laboured as a travelling elder in Manchester, Birmingham, Greet's Green, Wolverhampton, and London. Joseph F. Smith, Heber J. Grant, and George Albert Smith have all been presidents of the European and British Missions—Joseph F. Smith from March, 1874 to September, 1875 and from May, 1877 to July, 1878; Heber J. Grant from January, 1904 to December, 1906; and George Albert Smith from July, 1919 to July, 1921.

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Winston Churchill once refused to deport the Mormon missionaries. A campaign against them in 1911 and 1912 became a nation-wide "anti-Mormon crusade." Hundreds of thousands of people signed a petition demanding that the Mormons be forced to leave. According to the "Improvement Era," "At this time, in compliance with demands made by leading clergymen, and other influentials, the British Home Secretary, Winston Churchill, directed that a nation-wide

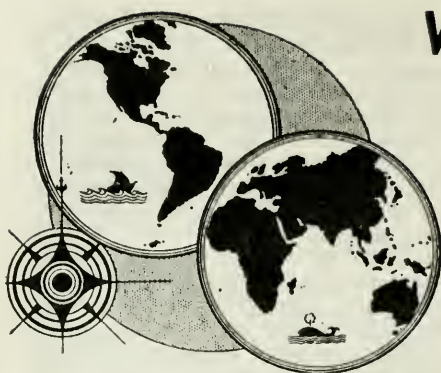
survey of the activities of the 'Mormon' missionaries be made. However, when pressed as to what action the British government intended to take against the 'Mormon' missionaries, he replied: 'I have not so far discovered any grounds for legislation in the matter.'" It was later learned that every missionary in Great Britain at the time had been carefully watched.

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Modern Mormon missionaries bring the same message to Britain that Heber C. Kimball and his companions brought in 1837. Basketball teams, baseball teams, travelling choruses, film strips, coloured cinemas, and other means help the missionary today to reach persons he might not otherwise contact. But perhaps a future historian, observing the second century of "Mormonism" in Great Britain, can write of the missionaries as did Richard L. Evans of those who followed Heber C. Kimball in the first 100 years:

"Two by two, down cobbled streets and over turfed country lanes, through poverty row and to the mansions of the great, in the market place and at the family fireside, in season and out, they have passed their tracts, preached their sermons and voiced their testimonies, calling out the seekers of life eternal, tens of thousands of whom have responded."





World Church News

NEW Y.W.M.I.A. PRESIDENT — Mrs. Bertha J. S. Reeder of Ogden, Utah, was sustained as the new President of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association at the final session of the 118th General Conference. Mrs. Reeder is succeeding Mrs. Lucy Grant Cannon.

CAPACITY CROWD ATTENDS 118TH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The 118th Annual General Conference of the Church was held on April 4th, 5th, and 6th, in the Salt Lake Tabernacle before a capacity crowd, with President George Albert Smith presiding. The Church leaders, as they addressed the vast assemblage, urged the Saints to keep the commandments of the Lord at all times; to so shape their lives that they will be able to withstand any trials which may result from the impending world crisis. All the General Authorities of the Church, excepting three, were in attendance at the Conference sessions.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS TELEVISED.

Thousands of Latter-day Saints who were not able to get inside the packed Tabernacle to witness the Conference sessions were able to see the conference proceedings through the medium of television. Eight television receiving sets were mounted in the Assembly Hall and one in the Bureau of Information. The equipment, which includes two television cameras, was recently purchased by the Church.

PRESIDENT SONNE IN EUROPE.

—President and Sister Alma Sonne and Elder Wallace G. Bennett left England April 15th for visits to several of the European Missions. President Sonne's schedule includes visits in Belgium, France, Switzerland, Holland and possibly Germany and Czechoslovakia. He will meet missionaries, church members and relief officials. He expects to return to London early in June.

BOOK OF MORMON SALE RECORD MADE IN GERMANY.


—In the West German Mission there are twenty-two local German Saints labouring as missionaries. President and Sister Jean Wunderlich are the only missionaries from Zion in the mission. In the first two months of 1948, these twenty-two German missionaries sold 743 Books of Mormon. This is an average of 33.7 per missionary for the two month period.

TABERNACLE ORGAN BEING REBUILT.

—The famous Tabernacle Organ in Salt Lake City is now having seven new sections added to it. All alterations will be completed in time for October Conference. These additions will make it one of the best organs in the entire world and among the largest.

DATE OF LONDON DISTRICT CONFERENCE ALTERED

THE LONDON DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held on May 30th instead of May 16th as previously announced. The Conference sessions will be held at the Wandsworth Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, London, S.W.18, at 11.0 a.m., 2.30 and 6.30 p.m.



From house to house,
village to village, and
city to city . . .

Over 4,000 missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are now busily engaged in preaching the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ to the peoples of the earth. 184 of these missionaries are now labouring in the British Isles. By means of door to door tracting, open-air meetings, and cottage meetings, they are presenting to the British people a message of truth and light. It is to these missionaries that the "Millennial Star" in this issue is paying special tribute. On the pages to follow are the photographs of all those missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints now labouring in Great Britain.



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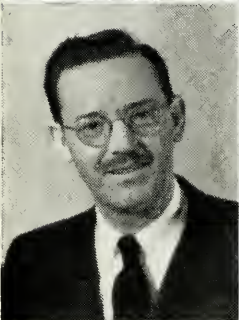
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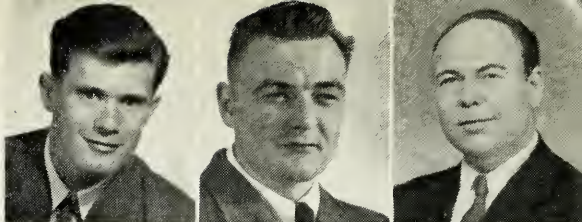
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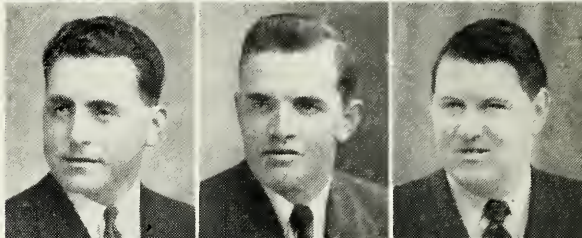
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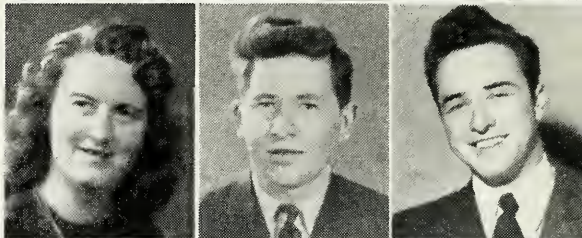
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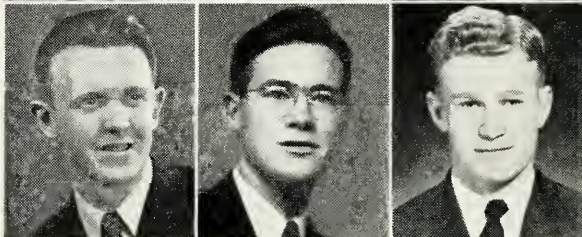
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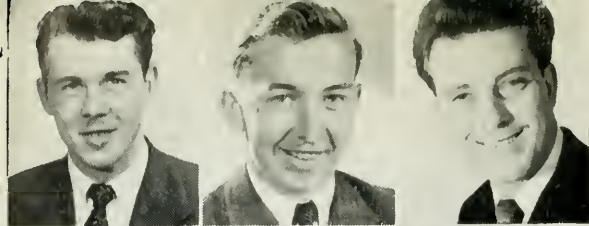
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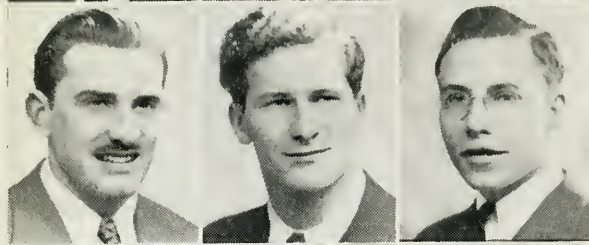




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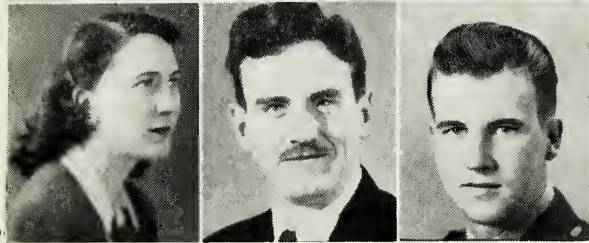
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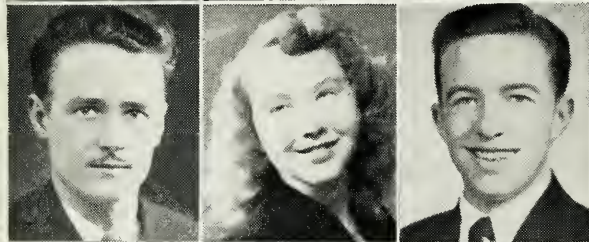
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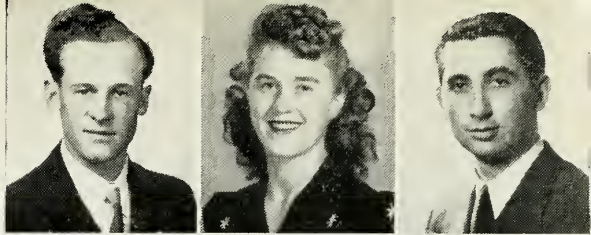
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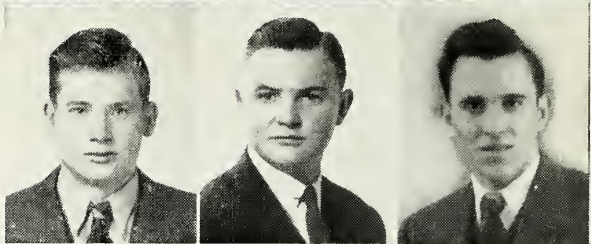
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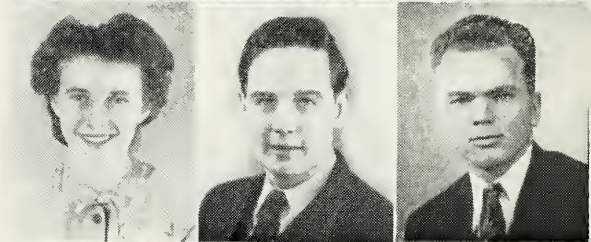
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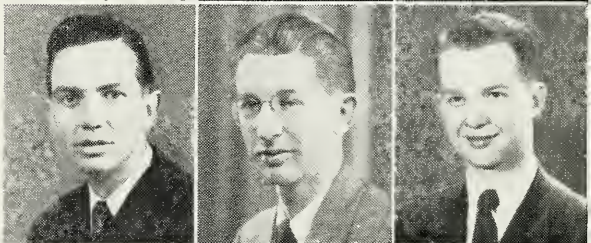
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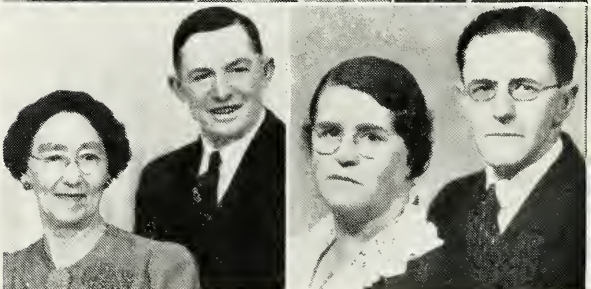


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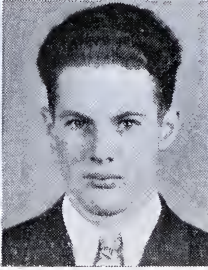
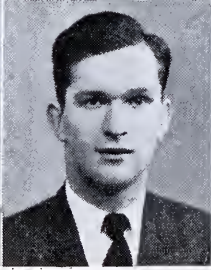
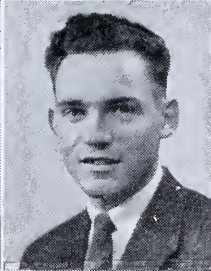
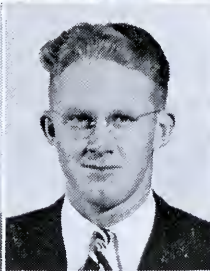
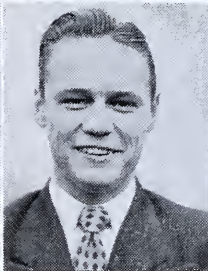
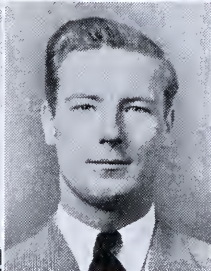
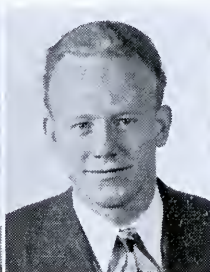
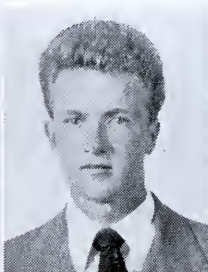
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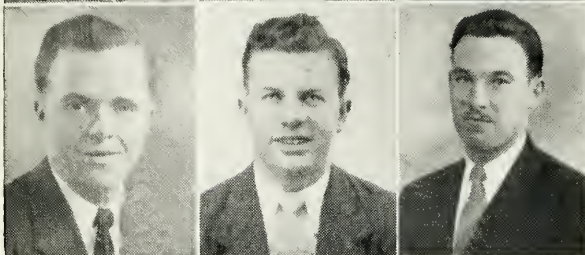
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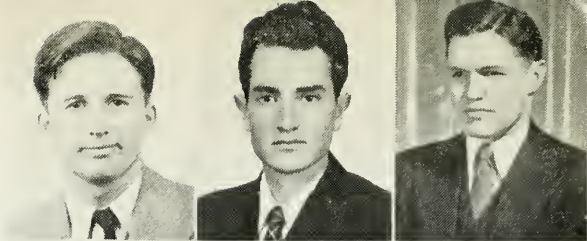
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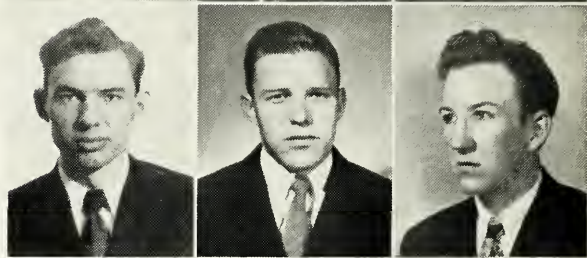
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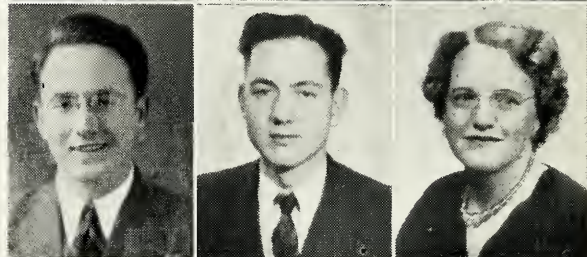
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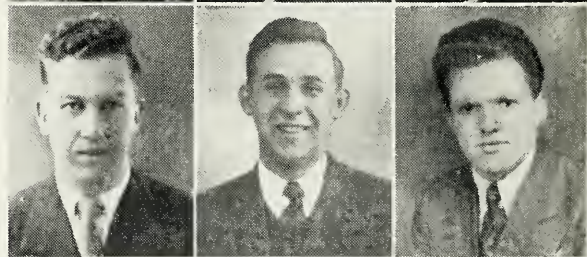
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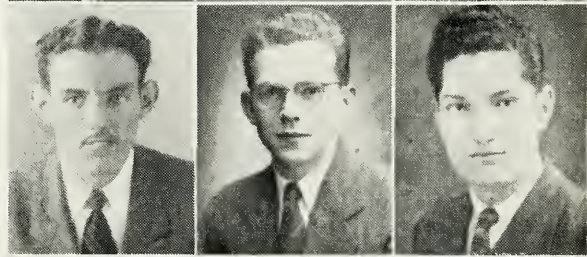
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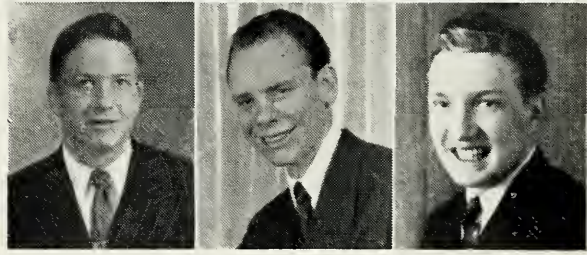
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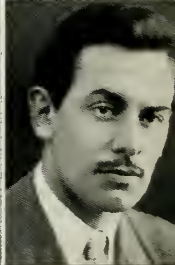
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British Mission



APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Elder **THOMAS E. DALLING** and Sister **ANNIE DALLING** were transferred from the Birmingham District to the Newcastle District on April 22nd.

Elder **NEWELL E. WARR** was transferred from the Nottingham District to the Sheffield District on April 14th.

Elder **PAUL F. JENSEN** was transferred from the Sheffield District to the Nottingham District on April 14th.

Elder **HYRUM P. HATCH** was transferred from the London District to the Bristol District on April 25th.

Elder **DAVID W. MEYER** was transferred from the Bristol District to the London District on April 25th.

President **WALLACE R. REID** of the Mission, Presidency was assigned to labour as a travelling lecturer on April 26th. He was formerly labouring in the Nottingham District.

Elder **LORRY E. RYTTING** was assigned to labour as a travelling lecturer on April 26th. He formerly laboured in the Welsh District.

Elder **JERROL M. BOYER** was appointed President of the Nottingham District on April 13th.

Elder **ELWIN F. CAMMACK** was transferred to the Sheffield District on April 22nd. He was formerly the President of the Hull District.

Elder **ROBERT M. FRANCIS** was transferred from the Sheffield District to the Welsh District on April 22nd.

Elder **KOLN G. MCKAY** was appointed President of the Hull District on April 18th. He previously served as President of the Nottingham District.

Elder **EDWARD R. SHURTLIFF** was transferred to the Liverpool District on April 15th. He previously served as a travelling lecturer.



RELEASES

Sister **NANCY TENNEY** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on April 23rd. Sister Tenney served in the Nottingham, Birmingham and Welsh Districts.

Elder **CONNEL M. WHITEHEAD**

was released as a missionary to the British Mission on April 7th. Elder Whitehead served in the Birmingham, Bristol, Norwich and Leeds Districts. He served as Supervising Elder in the Norwich District.

THE Millennium Star extends thanks and appreciation to Elder David W. Meyer and Sister Agnes Beecher for their services on this special issue of the Star; also to Illustrated for permission to reprint the photograph appearing on page 139.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by E. John S. Jones

There are sixteen missionaries in the Birmingham District. They have worked hard and have accomplished much. Open-air meetings are held regularly in the "Bull Ring" in Birmingham three times a week. In tracting, the missionaries have had much success. They have contacted many people who are willing to open their homes for cottage meetings. They participate eagerly in every phase of missionary work. Many good contacts have been made through the basketball games played at the University and good impressions of the "Mormons" gained. Ten converts are scheduled to be baptised at the next baptismal service. The future looks even more promising for the Birmingham missionaries.

The Birmingham Branch Relief Society held a supper at the Chapel on March 17th. An iced cake in Relief Society colours had been made by Harry Dyson. Toasts were proposed to the nine presidents of the Relief Society since its inauguration by Hannah Jevons, and to the Presidency and members of the branch by Sister Lily M. Norton. There were twenty-eight sisters present.

The Birmingham Branch held a dancing party on April 10th under the direction of the branch M.I.A. officers. A meat-pie supper and fine refreshments were served under the auspices of the Y.W.M.I.A. Presidency—Mary Joseph, Eugenie Yates, Olive Millward and Florence Megeney. M.C. was Ivor Thomas, who conducted dancing in the vestry under the green and gold shaded lights. Prizes were given in a novelty dance. Games were under the direction of E. John S. Jones and piles of fun was had. Fifty people were present.

BRISTOL DISTRICT

Reported by Frances B. Herman

At the present time there are ten elders labouring in the Bristol District, six of whom are residing in Bristol, two in Stroud, and two in Cheltenham. Through the mediums of cottage meetings and other friendly contacts, there is an increasing number of investigators of the Gospel. For the first time for many years, elders are holding regular open-air meetings on the Downs and in the Centre of Bristol, with encouraging results. A colour film featuring "Utah" is being presented to the public and much interest is being shown. Tracting continues in Bristol, Stroud and Cheltenham. Although the lack of a suitable hall greatly hampers the work in Cheltenham Branch, regular cottage meetings are being held for those desiring to further investigate the Gospel.

Saints in the Cheltenham Branch organised an outing to Cranham Woods on Easter Monday. In spite of bad weather, all present thoroughly enjoyed the holiday.

The first meeting of the Cheltenham Primary following its recent reorganisation took place on April 8th at the home of Branch President Frank Betteridge.

The Bristol Primary children had a very warm welcome at the Windmill Hill Methodist Chapel, where they performed their pantomime, "Cinderella." Honours go to Pat Carey, who trained the children. The hall was packed and the evening was an overwhelming success.

HULL DISTRICT

Reported by Helen Bryant

In response to an invitation to lecture at the Hull Chapter of the Toc H, the elders assigned to labour in that city recently appeared before a joint gathering of men and women club-members to present the lantern lecture,

"In the Top of the Mountains." President Cammack commented on the slides as they were shown and answered the questions put to him at the conclusion of the film. Those present at the meeting seemed more interested than other similar groups in the theological aspects of the religion, and their enquiries were of a doctrinal nature. Those people who propounded questions seemed satisfied with the answers they received.

Beautiful sunshine embraced the Hull Chapel and welcomed the members and friends on Easter Sunday morning to a beautifully prepared programme, arranged by the Sunday School Superintendency and given by the younger members of the Sunday School. Many members and parents of the children, most of whom are non-members, enjoyed poems, songs and an inspiring address from District President Elwin F. Cammack.

In spite of inclement weather on Easter Monday, hardy cyclists enjoyed a run to Aldbrough, about twenty miles from Hull and enjoyed games and a picnic on the beach.



IRISH DISTRICT

Reported by Carl H. Whatcott

The message of the Restored Gospel, since the return of the missionaries to Ireland, has met with a fair amount of success. This message of truth has touched, to date, the souls of eight people, who testify of joy and happiness as the result. Missionary activities have increased with the opening of a new area in Northern Ireland. The reception has been cordial. The missionaries have used the proven methods of proselyting: tracting, open-air meetings, and cottage meetings. Branch activities have increased with greater fellowship, brotherly love and spirituality the result. With humility and faith in Almighty God, the missionaries will continue the work of the Lord in Ireland.

On March 27th, at Carnalea Bay, Alice Hamilton and Norma Grainger were baptised by Elder Albert E. Walker and confirmed by Elder Walker and Elder Bruce Benedict, respectively.

On March 29th, the Belfast Branch M.I.A. held an Easter social. Between forty and fifty people had an enjoyable evening of games and dancing.

A combined Primary and Sunday School party was held on March 25th at the Belfast Branch. All of the twenty children participated and received prizes for their efforts.

A conjoint M.I.A. programme was held on April 4th. The programme, as outlined in the manual, was followed and enjoyed by all in attendance.

LEEDS DISTRICT

Reported by Ralph L. Jack

Open-air meetings in Bradford have been resumed and will be held in other branch centres of the district as conditions permit. Emphasis, however, is being placed upon door-to-door tracting as the most effective and systematic method of presenting the message of the Restored Gospel. Lantern-film lectures have been recently given by Bradford elders to members of several local churches, and at the invitations of ministers of various denominations, more are anticipated throughout the district soon. Cottage meetings on a regularly scheduled basis have been successful in presenting Latter-day Saint doctrines to investigators of the Church in several branches. Testimonies to the divinity of the Gospel have been formed and expressed through the purposeful guidance of the elders and local members.

The generally fine Easter weather enabled the district young people to participate in several rambles during the holidays. Missionaries rambled from "Brontiland" at Hawarth to Hardcastle Crag, near Halifax on Good Friday. Bradford, Dewsbury and Halifax Branches joined together in an outing to Sunningdale, near Bradford, on Easter Monday. Leeds Branch rambled to Otley for a day of field events.

An "Olde Tyme" dance, sponsored by the Bradford Branch Sunday School was held on March 20th, under the direction of Superintendent Herbert Walker. A local orchestra was engaged for the evening. The music brought many pleasant memories to the old-timers present.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

Reported by Howard C. Macfarlane

The Liverpool District has been the scene of much proselyting progress since the arrival in September, 1946, of the first missionaries following the recent world conflict. As missionaries have steadily increased in number, the population of this district has been made aware of the great and ever-growing latter-day work taking place in their midst. The glad tidings of Cumorah have been heralded from pulpit and platform; even from the very streets, the message has been published by these elders of modern Israel. Thousands of tracts and pamphlets containing words of eternal truth have been placed in the hands of those who would accept. And most important of all, hundreds of Books of Mormon have been placed in homes of inquirers after truth. Missionaries have gone into these homes and in all sincerity have explained and borne testimony to the magnitude and divinity of this marvellous work.

In Burnley, on March 14th, Eunice Cook, Jean Kyle and Arthur Espley Sutcliffe were baptised by Arthur Moore and confirmed by Arthur Moore, District President L. W. Rawson and Branch President John R. Moore, respectively.

The Blackburn Relief Society held a sale of work on March 20th. The bazaar was opened by Sister Thora Rawson, District Relief Society President. More than fifty people attended and the amount raised was over twelve pounds. Also this day, a birthday tea party was held and attended by fifty people. Refreshments were served by Maria Roper.



Blackburn Branch Relief Society Bazaar

Left to right: Sister E. Thora Rawson, Sister Ada Cross Newman, Dorothy L. Shorrock, Lillian Harrison

Though many stalwarts have emigrated, the attendances at branch and district meetings have swelled perceptibly. Two branches have been opened and several auxiliaries organised. Many people have been baptised. God's word is going forth.

LONDON DISTRICT

Reported by Ruth Millard

The missionaries labouring in the London District are getting very favourable results from their labours. Large crowds of people now attend the open-air meetings which are held frequently in London and St. Albans, and many investigators are now learning more about the Gospel. The two missionaries who have recently been assigned to Oxford are being received very favourably and good results are beginning to show. Elders Ralph L. Meham and Evans E. Royle are presenting numerous lectures at Rotary Clubs and other civic organisations.

On April 4th, the Catford Branch held its Branch Conference. There was very good attendances at all three sessions. Many investigators were present. Wilford Ernest Wood was set apart as First Counsellor in the Branch Presidency.

Gravesend Branch Conference was held on March 21st. The three sessions were well attended. A fine spirit prevailed.

A two session Branch Conference was held at Brighton on April 11th. Many investigators were present.

Baptismal services were held at the South London Branch on April 17th. The following persons were baptised by Elder L. Ralph Mecham; Kenneth Clive Wood, confirmed by Elder Archie J. Haskins; Hester Alice Pearl Neal, confirmed by Elder William R. Callister; and Ernest Henry Neal, confirmed by Frederick G. Neal. Jannis Victoria Ethel Rudd was baptised by Thomas Rudd and confirmed by Robert Hannah. Margaret Elizabeth McKenzie and Margaret Judith Mabel Osborne were baptised by Luton Branch President Alan E. Osborne and confirmed by Elder Roy Byng Beazer and District President Richard William Clayton.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT

Reported by Norman T. Woodhead

Persistent efforts on the part of fifteen alert missionaries, led by District President George W. Bruerton, utilizing projectors with film strips, basketball and baseball, a stall on the market place in Rochdale with others hoped for in other towns, street meetings held daily in the heart of Manchester, besides the usual methods of tracting, cottage meetings, etc., have achieved remarkable success in the District. A year ago there were but two branches; today there are six. Two of these are in new fields. Several investigators are accepting invitations to attend meetings and the Church is growing in this part of Lancashire.



The Oldham Boys' Physical Training Class held a social on March 15th. Over 100 people attended. They were entertained with some good boxing matches by the boys. Harold Haigh acted as M.C. and is responsible for the supervision of this class.

The Denton Branch, which has only been in operation about four months, already has an active M.I.A. and Relief Society.

Hyde Branch is actively engaged in the work of the Lord. Several socials have recently been held in the homes of the Saints.

The Rochdale Priesthood and Relief Society organised two socials, one in honour of the Relief Society's birthday on March 16th and one on April 17th honouring the Pioneers. Attendance at each social averaged about forty.

The M.I.A. Baseball Team held its first social, which was well supported by about fifty people, on April 2nd. Things are looking bright in Manchester District. It is hoped that all attendance records will be broken at the forthcoming District Conference on May 8th and 9th.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

Reported by Joyce H. Tiffen

Two missionaries are now located in each of the following towns: Carlisle, Gateshead, South Shields, Bishop Auckland, Darlington and West Hartlepool. Missionary contacts have been made through various proselyting methods. Tracting, open-air meetings and cottage meetings are the old stand-byes that seem even today to be the most effective. Other means of proselyting include basketball, film lectures, and contacts through youth movements. The missionaries in general have found very little antagonism against the Church. False public conceptions about Mormonism are rapidly disappearing and the Church is gradually becoming recognised as a force for good.

On March 28th, a baptismal service was held in the Public Baths at Carlisle. German P.O.W. Fritz Helbig was baptised by Elder A. Ray Rawson and confirmed by Elder Francis Bitton. Winifred May Cook was baptised by Elder A. Ray Rawson and confirmed by Elder Dean U. Otley.

Joseph L. Fisher of the West Hartlepool Branch was baptised on April 3rd by Stanley Short and confirmed by Elder Kenneth M. Oswald.

On Easter Monday, members and friends of the Gateshead Branch, together with elders of the district, and visiting missionaries, held an outing to the country marketing town of Hexham. The outing was under the supervision of Branch President and Mrs. A. M. Morris and Evelyn Young. The high-light of the day was a visit to Hexham Abbey where Mr. Taylor, the verger, very kindly pointed out to the party the many interesting historical features. Refreshments were served at the Morris home, following which the party went for a ramble around the outskirts of the town and thus ended a most enjoyable day.

NORWICH DISTRICT

Reported by Alfred F. Woodhouse

The Norwich District, under the capable direction of President William Blackwell, has indeed been a prolific field of labour for the missionaries. There are three established branches as well as prospective openings in two other towns. Elders Blackwell and Dale M. Chapman labouring in Norwich, Elders William R. James and Albert N. Chaston in Yarmouth, and Elders George W. Palmer and Joseph H. Crowther in Lowestoft have met with much success with their Church exhibits in the market places. Through this new proselyting agent, many friends have been made. Recently, Elders Lysle G. Munns and Tura M. Aldous opened up missionary labours in Cambridge, where they are now holding lectures. Elders Wesley R. Williams and Thomas D. Harper have made many friends in Beccles through their cottage meetings and tracting.

Members of the Lowestoft Branch Relief Society invited the missionaries labouring in Lowestoft, and the Branch Presidency, to an anniversary tea on March 17th. A social followed, and all enjoyed a happy evening.

Norwich Branch Relief Society held

its anniversary party on March 20th and invited the missionaries and priesthood of the branch. President and Sister Alma Sonne of the European Mission and Elder Wallace G. Bennett, who were visiting Norwich during that week-end, were also invited. A one-act play enacted by branch members and entitled, "Courage Mr. Green," followed the report. President and Sister Sonne and Elder Bennett were the speakers at the Sacrament Meeting on the following day.

Norwich Branch held a farewell social on March 23rd in honour of Sisters Betty Mitchell and Leah Lloyd, departing missionaries. Both received a pair of vases as gifts from members and friends of the branch.

Elder William R. James was recently sustained as President of the Yarmouth Branch, replacing Albert A. Cole.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by M. June Wilson

Through constant tracting, open-air meetings, cottage meetings, etc., thousands of people in the district have had the opportunity of hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Open-air meetings have been held in every city in which there is an organised branch (seven) and are being held regularly in the three large cities. Seventy-five percent of this year's converts have been contacted through open-air meetings. Great success has been experienced in the contacts with the German prisoners of war. Persistent following of the authorities' recommended programme has brought strength of testimony, understanding of the Gospel, development of personality and untold joy.

192 members and investigators gathered at Nottingham on March 14th to hear the inspiring remarks by President Alma Sonne of the European Mission, Sister Leona B. Sonne and Elder Wallace G. Bennett.

On March 17th, the Derby Relief Society President, Emma Bradley, entertained members at the anniversary of the organisation.

Derby Branch held a district M.I.A. dance, under the direction of President S. George Bradley. Prizes were awarded for the winners of the fancy dress contest: the most beautiful, Ethel Copley; the most comical, President T. W. Anthony; and the most original, Percy Evans.

Sixteen members of the Eastwood Branch commemorated the birthday of the Relief Society on March 16th with a fine party.

Hucknall, Derby, Nottingham and Mansfield Branches all enjoyed a visit on Easter Monday to Newstead Abbey.

On March 27th, Leicester Branch held a party for Elsie Pole, who is shortly leaving for America. Forty members made a presentation.

Under the direction of Susie Massey, Mansfield Relief Society held a very successful sale of work on February 21st, which netted £10:10:0.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT

Reported by Reed M. Izatt

Missionary activity in the Scottish District has been stepped up many times during the past year. Today there are fourteen missionaries working in Scotland in the five branches of the district. One new branch, Dundee, has been opened and the auxiliary programmes of the other branches have been greatly expanded. This has led to greater activity. It has enabled the members to put the various programmes as outlined by the Church authorities into practice. The missionaries have been enabled to bring their contacts into a working organisation and show them how the Church of Jesus Christ operates in this latter day. The missionaries have utilised all means at their command to proselyte the Gospel: at doors, in homes, in clubs, schools, Rotaries, universities, newspapers, and at open-air meetings.

The Relief Society of the Glasgow Branch celebrated the 106th birthday of the organisation of the Relief Society at a social on March 18th. The programme was under the direction of Ellen Martin, her counsellors and sec-

retary. A lovely birthday cake was made by A. K. Leslie.

A birthday party was held in honour of Elizabeth McLuskey in the Airdrie Branch Hall on March 23rd. Members and friends enjoyed a well-planned and successfully conducted evening.

Elder Junior E. Call has been released as President of the Dundee Branch and is now labouring in Glasgow. Elder Reed M. Izatt is now President of the Dundee Branch.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

Reported by Arvilla Smith

The Sheffield missionaries, supervised by District President David W. Egbert, have accomplished much in the past few months. Rotherham elders are making good contacts through investigator meetings. Barnsley Branch has been recently re-opened and is now the centre of much missionary activity. The elders in Doncaster have assisted greatly in branch activities, especially in the Primary and Scout organisations. Near Sheffield, several inactive members have been visited and are now attending meetings. The old Castleford Branch is once again opened through the untiring efforts of two conscientious missionaries. Baptisms have been performed in all branches. Open-air meetings, cottage meetings, lantern slide lectures, visits to youth clubs and universities' have all been a part of the missionaries' proselyting activity.

Bryn Gelder Owens of Barnsley and Edna Crookes Hartley of Sheffield were baptised in the Latter-day Saint Chapel on March 20th by President Egbert and confirmed by Elder J. Blythe Moyes and George A. Stubbs, respectively. Ann Walker of Sheffield was baptised by Douglas T. Walker and confirmed by Elder J. Vaughan Hobson. Ellenor Sutton Stroffard of Doncaster was baptised on March 21st by Elder Clay S. Tanner and confirmed by Elder Robert M. Francis.

On March 20th, the Sheffield Branch M.I.A. presented a successful musical concert at the Salvation Army Church

Hall, Woodhouse. In charge of production were Olive Snow and Joe Beattie.

A successful fathers' and sons' outing was held in Sheffield on April 3rd. A trip to the football match, a specially provided tea, with seats for the theatre, and later, table tennis, were enjoyed by all.

A successful supper was held in the Barnsley Branch Chapel on March 17th, celebrating the organisation of the Relief Society. The Relief Society Presidency was in charge of the affair.

WELSH DISTRICT

Reported by Gladys Mason

The Welsh District of the British Mission now has six missionaries, two labouring in Merthyr Tydfil and four in Cardiff. There are three organised branches, three Sunday Schools, two Relief Societies, four Primaries and two M.I.A.'s. The work is progressing nicely with local members, investigators and friends taking active part in the various organisations. The goodwill, harmony and friendliness which pervade the various gatherings are most commendable. The willingness, yes, the eagerness, with which the Saints and friends alike seek to carry forward the authorised functions of the various organisations show the great interest which has arisen by those who have actively engaged in the Church pro-

gramme. Attendance in all branches has shown a marked increase. Interest, friendly association, active participation and helpfulness are witnessed in all branches.

A supper was held at the Varteg Branch to celebrate the Relief Society organisation. The tables were most beautifully decorated by Sister Elva Bennett and the Relief Society officers. An enjoyable time was had by all.

On March 28th, an Easter pageant was presented by Ivy Hyde, Beatrice Howells, Mrs. Morgan, Trevor Morgan, Clarence Mason and Gladys Mason. The friends and members who attended enjoyed the beautiful choruses, solos and duets rendered, and felt their time was well spent.

Members and friends of Varteg Branch took a bus trip to West Wales on Easter

Monday, where a sick member was visited. After many hours riding through beautiful country-side, everyone returned home tired but happy.



A Primary class was recently opened at Treforest Estate, Cardiff Branch, by Jenny Woods. There were thirteen in attendance at the first meeting.

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Under the inspiration and guidance provided there could be no failure on their part. They appeared like conquerors fully conscious that the world was against them. They were hated, despised scoffed at, but not dismayed nor discouraged, for they wore the imperishable crown. Their claims before all people were based on absolute knowledge and certainty. Their testimonies and teachings transformed the hearts of men and revolutionised the world. Even the dark ages of doubt and apostacy could not entirely nullify their work nor destroy the fruits of their labours.

What did these ancient Apostles teach? They taught "Jesus Christ and Him crucified," and urged men everywhere to repent of their sins and accept His Gospel of salvation. It was not a man-made Gospel. It originated in the heavens before the earth was formed for man's habitation. The same Gospel, identical in all respects, has been restored in this day with all the gifts, powers, organisation and blessings of former dispensations. It cannot be altered or modified to suit the convenience and desires of a sinful generation. It is the same "yesterday, and today, and forever."

It is a high distinction to be called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ

and to be divinely authorised to "teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28: 19, 20)

It is a tremendous project which cannot be executed and carried forward without God's help. It is beyond

the powers and abilities of man, unaided and uninspired, to accomplish. But aid has been promised from an all-powerful source. God's hand is upon the nations. He will call them to repentance in His own way. He will scourge them, if necessary, to an elevation where they can comprehend His power in operation among them, "for by fire and his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh." (Isaiah 66: 16) God's work will not fail.

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the Catteraugus Indians near Buffalo, New York. Two copies of the Book of Mormon were left with members of the tribe who could read English.

The elders then moved westward to Kirtland, Ohio. Here they found many persons who were ready and willing to accept the truths of the Restored Gospel. Here the elders organised a thriving branch of the Church. Sidney Rigdon, Frederick G. Williams, Lyman Wight and Edward Partridge were among those that embraced the Gospel at Kirtland.

As the elders travelled on, they preached the Gospel in many of the towns that they passed through. In some instances, converts were made and branches were raised up. Two additional tribes of Lamanites were preached to—the Wyandots of Ohio and the Delawares, located west of Missouri. The contribution of this mission to the early growth of the Church is inestimable.

Since these first missions, the missionary system of the Church has become a powerful and far-reaching organisation. There are now missionaries labouring in most of the European countries; in North, Central and South America; the South Pacific; South Africa; the Near East; and just recently in Japan.

A statement from a member of the

First Presidency says that letters of appeal are coming from India; that there are those who are praying that missionary work will soon come to Hungary, Italy and Russia. China has already been dedicated for the preaching of the Gospel.

The days of religious intolerance are past in most countries. In many lands, elders have access to radio and newspaper facilities. In some missions, churches of other denominations and social and business organisations have opened their doors for the preaching of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. In just 118 years' time, the missionary system of the Church has increased from three or four to over 4,000 full-time missionaries.

The work is indeed going forth. The missionary system has been the backbone of the Church in its phenomenal growth from six members to well over one million members in just over a century's time.

May the Kingdom of God upon the earth continue to grow. May the rising generation develop the same firm testimonies of the truth that have led those many thousands of missionaries in the past to accept and successfully fulfill their callings. May the ways continue to be opened up whereby the truths of the Gospel can be preached to "every nation and kindred and tongue and people" that the day may speedily come when the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fullness will "fill the whole earth."

PERSONALS

BIRTHS

THOMAS — Collette Ruth Thomas, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas of the Sheffield Branch, was blessed by James Maybury in the Latter-day Saint Chapel on March 27th.

WOODHEAD. — Darrell Woodhead infant son of Norman T. and Barbara M. Woodhead of the Rochdale Branch, born on March 3rd, was blessed by his father on April 4th.

ROBERTSHAW. — Louise Anne, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robertshaw of the Bradford Branch, was born on March 5th and blessed by President Selvoy J. Boyer on April 4th.

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FITTON.—Marilyn Fitton and David Morgan Fitton, children of Leonard M. and Marie Fitton of the Rochdale Branch, were blessed on April 4th by Branch President Sylvester H. Dale and Elder Frank P. Reese, respectively.

DEATHS

MADSEN — John Madsen of the Gateshead Branch died on April 7th at the age of eighty-nine. Funeral services were conducted by Elder George Sonntag. The grave was dedicated by Robert Graham.

THORNHILL. — Dorothy Robinson Thornhill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford J. Robinson of Nottingham Branch, died after a long illness in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, on April 1st.

EMIGRATIONS

WOODHOUSE — Alfred F. Woodhouse of the Norwich Branch, sailed on the "Washington" on April 18th to make his home in Ventura, California. A social in his honour was held in the Norwich Chapel on April 10th, at which a presentation was made.

MADSEN—Mr. and Mrs. John Madsen, Jnr., of the Gateshead Branch, have recently emigrated to America. They will make their home in Salt Lake City.

HOUSTON—Ella Houston and Mae Houston of the Edinburgh Branch emigrated to America on April 4th. A farewell programme was given in their honour on March 30th.

BAILEY — Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bailey, Jnr., recently emigrated to America. A farewell social was held in the Sheffield Chapel in their honour on April 6th.

ROBINSON. — Edith F. and Doreen Robinson of the Nottingham Branch left England by air for Vancouver, Canada, on April 4th. A party was given in their honour on March 31st.

MCCORMICK. — William C. McCormick and family of the Bradford Branch left England on March 15th enroute to Cardston, Alberta, Canada.

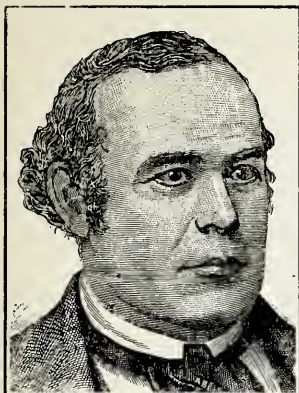
TOMLIN.—Robert Tomlin and family of the Bradford Branch left England on March 24th for Salt Lake City, Utah.

MARRIAGES

HAMPSTEAD-BAILEY — The marriage of Melva Hampstead and George H. Bailey, Jnr., both of the Sheffield Branch, took place on March 13th in the Latter-day Saint Chapel. George Hampstead, the bride's father, officiated. Tea was served by the Relief Society sisters in the recreation hall to 100 guests.

FALLON-AMER.—Hetty Fallon and Robert Thomas Amer were married on March 27th in the Bradford Chapel. Leeds District President Weston N. Christensen performed the ceremony.

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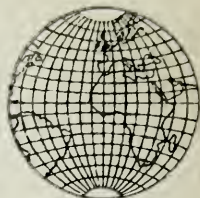
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(INTERESTING NOTES CONCERNING PERSONS, PLACES, AND EVENTS RELATING TO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS)

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* During the administration of President Brigham Young, missionaries were sent throughout the United States and also to Canada, Great Britain, India, Australia, Palestine, Society Island, France, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Hawaii, Italy, Switzerland, Iceland, Chile, Germany, Siam, Gibraltar, South Africa, Malta, West Indies, New Zealand, Holland, Austria, Finland and Mexico.



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* According to a report compiled some time ago by Elder Richard L. Evans of the First Council of the Seventy, there were approximately two persons born in Great Britain to every tract that was distributed by a Mormon missionary; there were approximately six persons to every Gospel conversation engaged in by a Mormon missionary; nine born to every Gospel pamphlet distributed; thirty born to every family of investigators visited; 230 born to every Book of Mormon distributed; and approximately 3,000 born to every baptism into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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* Missionaries now in the field are paying individually or with the aid of parents and friends an expenditure of over £500,000 a year for their support while in the mission field.

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* In the first thirty days of Elder Wilford Woodruff's missionary labours in the year 1840, in Herefordshire and the surrounding area, he baptised over 200 persons, including forty-five preachers, into the Church. In his last eight months' of missionary labours he baptised over eighteen hundred persons, including over 200 preachers of various denominations.

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* Approximately eight thousand persons witnessed the first baptismal services of the Church to be held in the British Isles in the River Ribble, Preston, on Sunday, July 30th, 1837 under the direction of Elder Heber C. Kimball.

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* Every President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has served as a missionary in the British Isles, with the exception of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

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* The number of persons baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Great Britain is estimated to total 128,000. Approximately 6,250 travelling missionaries of the Church have come to Great Britain since the organisation of the Church.

